



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

**A PROCLAMATION**  
**NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA**  
**AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** Neuromyelitis Optica (NMO) is a rare and relatively unknown autoimmune disease that currently has no cure; and
- WHEREAS:** NMO attacks the central nervous system and can cause permanent disability, including blindness and paralysis; and
- WHEREAS:** The cause of NMO is still a mystery and there are currently no FDA-approved treatments for the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** When mistaken for other diseases, treatments can exacerbate NMO symptoms; and
- WHEREAS:** Increased awareness of the disease has allowed doctors to become more likely to recognize the varying manifestations of the disease; and
- WHEREAS:** The NMO community is dedicated to increasing awareness and understanding about this disease in order to promote research, improved patient care and outcomes so that a cure may ultimately be found; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim March 2019 as NEUROMYELITIS OPTICA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



*B. P. Kemp*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Trinity K. Fleming*  
CHIEF OF STAFF